THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Ban on utensils made of plastics

†1670. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various scientists of the country are demanding an immediate ban on utensils made of plastic;

(b) whether in view of suggestions of scientists and its ill-effect on infants, Government are contemplating to take a decision on it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) Government has not received any demand from scientists for banning utensils made of plastics.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Lifting distribution curbs on fertilizers

1671. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to lift all kinds of distribution curbs on all fertilizers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these curbs would be lifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) Currently, urea is the only fertilizer which is under distribution control of the Government of India. The distribution of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers has been decontrolled since 25.8.1992. The Government's intention is to ultimately decontrol all fertilizers including urea after taking into account its fiscal capacity so as to achieve an optimum ratio in the consumption of different types of nutrients on the one

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.